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## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting October 7, 2013

**PRESENT:**            Rodney Towne                      Selectman  
                         Dwight Lovejoy                    Selectman  
                         Christine Quirk                    Selectman  
                         Peter Flynn                        Town Administrator

Brandy Mitroff, Road Agent Dick Perusse of the public were present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Christine Quirk at 6:00M beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. The consent agenda included Appointment of Thomas Miller to the New Boston Road Committee. Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

### **B. PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 1: Dick Perusse-Road Agent:** Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to update the Selectmen on issues at the Highway Department as follows:

- Winter Work Schedule: The Highway Department employee hours will be 8 hours per day, 5 days per week beginning October 15.
- Dick noted the Selectmen have been handling calls from residents wanting to speak with the Highway Department, he requested these calls be referred to him to speak with them and meet with them if need be.
- Old Coach Road Engineering Work: This will be done to determine how to improve the bottom section of the road without undue impact to the residences in that area. The drainage portion of that project will probably be subbed out but use materials provided by the Highway Department. The cost is unknown at this time.
- Disposal of vehicles including accepting a vehicle disposal from another Department: The Highway Department will bring the 2000 F250 and International Tank Truck to the state auction. The auctioneer fee is 10% of the final price. The old air compressor might go there as well. Dick noted NH DOT is auctioning a tow behind Ingersoll Rand air compressor that would be useful to the town. He suggested he might be able to purchase the air compressor with \$3,500 of the block grant funds with Selectmen permission. Rodney moved to authorize the Road Agent to spend up to \$3,500 on an air compressor

at the state auction. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Fire Department has offered its Forestry 3 truck to the Highway Department. The Highway Department has a need for this vehicle to be used as a water truck. It would still be available to the Fire Department if they needed another Forestry truck. If it came to the point that it was costly for repair it would be returned to the Fire Department for disposal. It would retain the red lights and town seal but would not be marked Fire Department. The disposal of surplus equipment policy was consulted for this transfer. Rodney moved to approve transfer of the truck designated currently as Forestry 3 from the Fire Department to the Highway Department. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

- Riverdale Road Bridge Delay: There is a delay in this project due to ‘right of way’ issues. This could be delayed up to one year and could increase the price of the bridge. NH DRED owns some of the right of way needed and they are not willing to give the town a right of way. This issue needs to be reviewed by other state departments or the governor and council. A bill may be needed in the legislature to allow the state to sell the right of way to the town. The town attorney has been contacted. Another option is to make the bridge one lane but that would not be a good option.
- Lorden Road and Fieldstone Drive preconstruction meeting took place today. Underdrain is required and described to the Selectmen. Dick sent a letter to Planning Board Chairman Stu Lewin with the specifications. This will be added to the next Selectmen’s meeting agenda.
- FEMA payout received by town: The town received a check from FEMA September 29 for approximately \$21,000 as reimbursement of Highway Department funds spent cleaning up damage from the February storm “Nemo.” This will be credited to the Highway Department budget for snow expenses used during that storm. FEMA pays 75% of the expenses; the town calculated \$28,000 was spent for this storm.
- A letter was received from the Magruder family at the corner of Clark Hill Road and Thornton Road regarding tree removal on these scenic roads. Dick will identify trees that need to be removed and a Public Hearing will be scheduled to approve or deny the recommendation.
- Members of the Chancey family approached Dick regarding access of Bittersweet Lane. They want to use that road to access logs on their land but no trespassing signs were posted by the resident and they were not allowed to travel the road. It is a public road and they cannot be stopped from using it. The town has also had issues in the past with items stored along the road but this was cleaned up. The piles reappeared and Dick spoke with the resident again who agreed to clean it up again.

#### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item2: Approval of the Public and Non-Public Minutes of September 16, 2013:** The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting. Brandy suggested changing the sentence in Public Forum, 4<sup>th</sup> line down to “At the time the voters made this decision, the residents living on the road were against it.” Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0  
The Selectmen reviewed the non-public minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting. Dwight moved that they be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

## **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 3: Updates on Year to Date Expenses and Revenues:** Peter reported expenditures are well within budgets in most cases. Revenues are improving but are half of what was projected for the year mostly due to less than anticipated revenues from the Transfer Station. Other revenues are expected to reach anticipated amounts. Police Department Special Detail revenues go into the revolving account to lease cruisers. The Police Department received \$18,000 in settlement revenue. No delay is expected for the NH DRA to set the tax rate as had been previously announced.

**Public Forum:** None.

## **F. OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Item 4: Town Administrator's Report:**

- **Riverdale Road Bridge Engineering Update:** As above.
- **Rose Meadow/HUD Suit:** Nothing new.
- **C.I.P.:** The C.I.P. Committee met Thursday and concluded its business. It is \$50,000 less than last year's C.I.P.

### **Item 5: Selectmen's Reports:**

Dwight attended the recent Planning Board meeting where they discussed the following:

- Numerous driveway permits.
- Nathan and Nic Strong's request to close a gravel pit: The Building Inspector inspected the pit and the Planning Board voted to close it.
- A sitewalk took place at Mr. Marden's property.
- The driveway inspection done for Dahlberg.
- A few items were postponed.

**Item 6: Possible Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(d):** This possible request was due to an issue with one of the Thibeault gravel pits. A cease and desist order will be issued on two of their pits as they are in violation. Rodney moved that the Board instruct the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to issue a case and desist order for the reasons outlined by the Planning Board's memorandum (attached) to the Board of Selectmen, dated September 25, 2013. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*